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This report contains information regarding the harbor facilities, repair facilities, merchant and naval vessels observed, and various activities noted in the port of Gdynia.

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2. MERCHANT AND NAVAL SHIPS OBSERVED

several Polish ships (names not observed)

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the German cruiser Gneisenau had been lifted from the harbor and was lying alongside the English Quay where she was being scrapped (May 1953). A ferry was noted running between Zoppot and Gdynia; according to report this ferry was to run only during the summer months and passes through prohibited area outside the harbor. A radio controlled craft was tied alongside the US Quay. a Polish destroyer was in the harbor south of basin #10). 13 small motor torpedo boats nos T-12 to T-24 being overhauled. Two of these boats had a small gun of large diameter (mortar type). None had visible torpedoes.

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In vicinity of
Norwegian Quay:

Prewar corvette type escort vessels,
armed with guns, believed to be 75 mm:
one on bow and maybe two aft.

2 Russian 6,000 ton passenger-cargo ships
(names Unknown)

Batory, Polish passenger ship

About 50 fishing vessels were observed outside of harbor about 75'
in length.

3. HARBOR INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES

nine 5-ton cranes were used
to unload the ship at the US Quay and that there was a total of 94 of them
there. Trucks were used to haul cargo from the dock. Two floating cranes,
one 75 ton, the other 40 ton, were observed unloading cargo (buses) from a
nearby ship. Dredging operations were noted in the vicinity of wrecks which
have been removed. Road from Gdynia to Gdansk was described as a dual high-
way, i.e., two auto roads separated by a strip of grass and by trolley tracks.

pier and warehouse on French Quay were in good con-
dition but needed cleaning up. Two electric 10-ton cranes were located at
this Quay, one of which was inoperative. Dredging was noted near new pier
construction (exact location unknown) in prohibited anchorage;
dredge was of vacuum type.

French Quay has eight to ten cranes of three to five
tons capacity each. Polish Quay has about fifteen cranes.
All the quays are equipped with electric cranes.

floating crane of about 75 tons capacity
the piers in general are in good condition but that
French Quay is more run down than the others and that it needs new pilings.
sheds on pier where mail was placed in transfer were of brick
construction in good condition.

4. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND ACTIVITY

at the heads of all the quays lookout posts had been
constructed to prevent anyone from boarding or leaving ships from the out-
board side. These posts are small wooden structures with four views around.
They are about 30 feet off the Quay.
only one plane, a MIG, pass over the ship. This MIG was landing to the North
of Gdynia.

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[redacted] several jets to the northwest of the city which appeared to be practicing landing and take off. [redacted] there was only one plane in the air at a time. [redacted] planes, very frequently, apparently in groups of three or four, over the Baltic Sea.

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